R and D efforts of Atomic Energy establishments;

(b) if so, whether this would be helpful in increasing the output of Atomic Power as alternative energy resource for power consumption; and

(c) by when it is likely to be put for commercial use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) A major break through in the area of nuclear fuel has been successful manufacture of mixed uranium plutonium carbide fuel for fast breeder reactors.

(b) This fuel, because of its higher breeding ratio, will permit better utilisation of natural uranium resources in fast breeder reactors and considerably enhance the nuclear power potential.

(c) Its commercial use can be anticipated only towards the early part of the next century when large fast breeder reactors are expected to be connected to the electrical grids.

Creation of a Warehousing base

2042. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Elecronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Ltd. has come out with a comprehensive package through the creation of a warehousing base for the benefit of Indian Exporters in the American mainland and to increase electronic goods exports from India to the U.S.A.; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the benefits and facilities provided under the project ESSO (Electronics Sales Support Organisation)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Electronics Sales Support Organisation (ESSO) Scheme launched by Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation (ET&T), warehousing facilities would be provided to Indian Companies desirous of exporting electronic products to United States. All exports will be on C.I.F. basis. The exporters will be offered the facility of operating from ET&T's Office in California using its address on their Business Cards/Stationery which will enable Indian Exporters to operate virtually like an authentic US Stocking and Marketing Company. In the first phase of the implementation of the scheme, ET&T proposes to export good quality electronic components and equipments manufactured by Indian manufacturing units to USA. Actual exports to USA under this scheme are expected to commence in the near future.

तूतीकोरिन भारी जल परियोजना का निर्माण

2043. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तूतीकोरिन भारी जल परियोजना एक फ्रांसीसी फर्म मैसर्स ग्रैलप्रा के सहयोग से बनायी गयी थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इस परियोजना की स्थापना के संबंध में मैसर्स ग्रैलप्रा के साथ किये गये समझौते के उपबंधों के अनुसार निर्धारित परियोजना की निर्माण लागत, क्षमता-उपयोग, उत्पादन और परियोजना के लिये कर्मकारों की संख्या से संबंधित सभी आंकलन सर्वथा भ्रामक निकले हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो समझौते के निबंधनों और शर्तों के अनुसार परियोजना